

**REMARKS**

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 was required between:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 14, drawn to plug for thermoforming; and
- II. Claims 9-13, drawn to a process for forming the plug.

As noted above, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8 and 14, for prosecution. New claims 15-34 fall within the election. Support for these claims is found throughout the specification as originally filed, including the original claims.

Claim 14 is amended to avoid dependence on withdrawn claim 13.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. According, it is requested that withdrawn claims 9-13 of Group II be rejoined with the elected and examined claims

Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121, in the event that the requirement is repeated and made final and the non-elected subject matter is withdrawn, to file a divisional application or applications to the withdrawn and unexamined subject matter.

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